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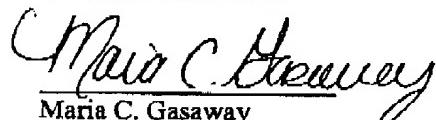
The Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's Answer dated April 16, 2004, and present this Amendment document in response thereto.

In the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner indicated that claims 17-24 and 34 were allowed. In order to expedite prosecution of the application, Applicant has canceled claims 1-16 herein by this Amendment. Accordingly, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any fees are required pertaining to this response, the Applicants request that they be charged to Deposit Account number 50-0568.

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